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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Anthony A. Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer *aa*

RE: Site Inspection, Thomas F. Miller, Vipont Mine,
D/003/007, Box Elder County, Utah

Date of Inspection: July 25, 1991

Time of Inspection: 1700 - 1830

Conditions: Stormy, overcast, immediately after a rain shower

Participants: D. Wayne Hedberg, Tony Gallegos, DOGM

The site was accessed via the road following Mahogany Creek out of Cotton Thomas Basin. This road approaches the Vipont Mine from the ridge line above the site. Several other mine sites which are located up canyon from the Vipont site were briefly inspected and photographed. These sites are believed to be the Sullivan Tunnel and Skoro Mine listed on the maps. These sites showed no signs of recent activity, although a road grader was located near an open pit area and buildings at the other site showed signs of occupancy. Several open adits were found at these sites.

The Vipont site showed no signs of recent activity. Both the upper and lower adits remain open at this time. Cattle were roaming the canyon in and around the mine site. Photographs were taken to document the current status of the site which was essentially unchanged since the last Division inspection. Two pair of water samples were taken from Birch Creek. One pair was taken upstream of the Vipont site and the other was taken downstream of the tailings which the stream meanders through. Beaver dams and a beaver lodge were present near this tailings area. These sample sites were two of the three sites sampled during the last Division inspection. The sample taken downstream of the mine and old tailings showed considerably more sediment than the upstream sample. A storm event with a fair amount of rainfall preceded the taking of these samples.

We left the site via the Birch Creek road. None of the gates on this road were up or locked.

cc: Wayne Hedberg
Tom Mitchell

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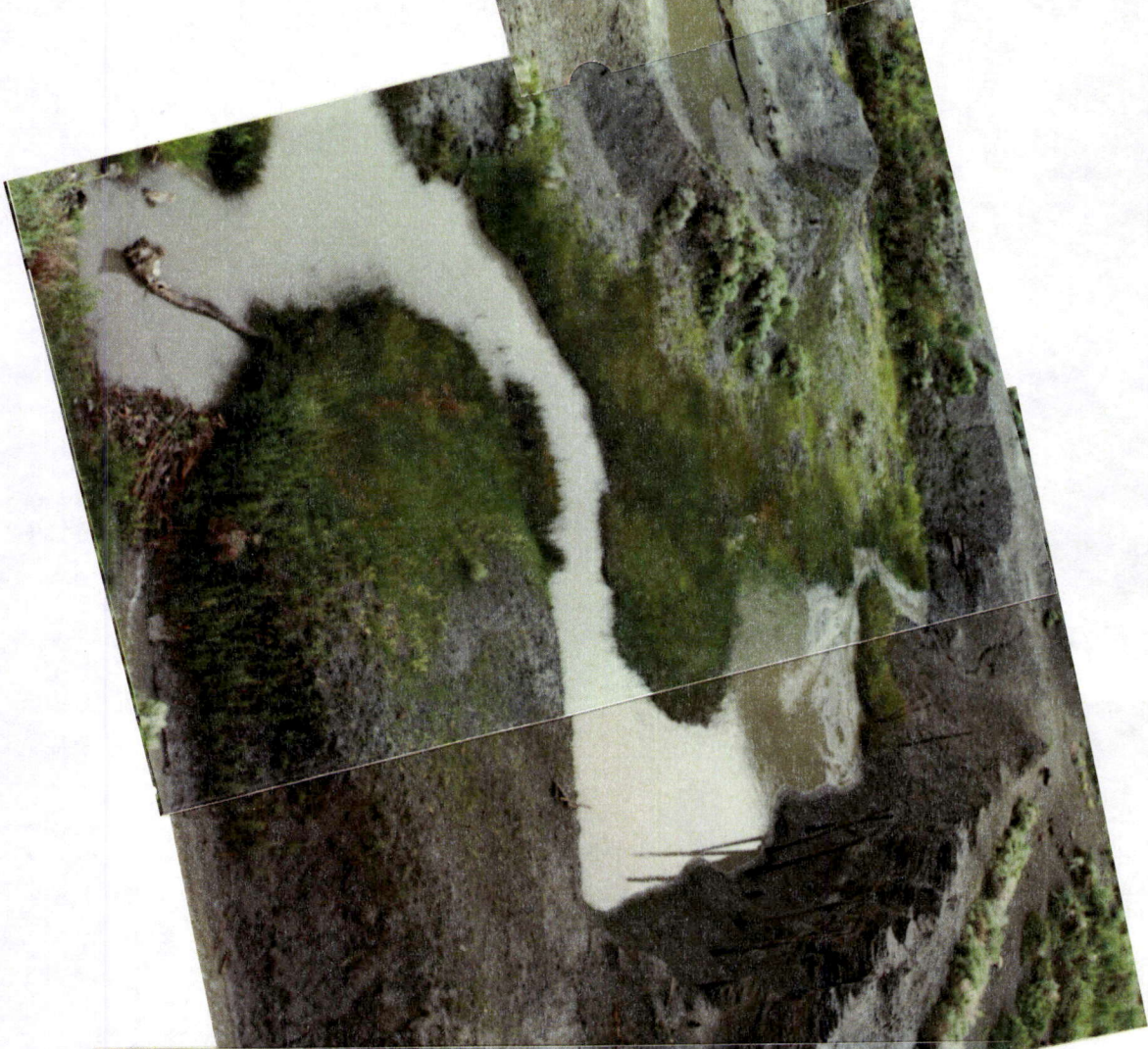
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VIPOUT MINE
OPEN ADIT

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VIPOUT MINE

- WATER SAMPLING SITE
IN BIRCH CREEK ABOVE
THE VIPOUT MINE

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STRUCTURES AT MINE SITE LOCATED UPSTREAM
FROM THE VIPOUT MINE D/003/007
- NOTE YELLOW GRADER IN BACKGROUND

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- OVERVIEW OF VIPOUT SITE D/003/007



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VIRAT MINE

- OLD TAILINGS AREA
of UPPER SHARPENED SITE
MINE & OLD TAILINGS

- NOTE BEAVER STRUCTURES

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PANORAMA OF MINE SITES LOCATED UPCHAMP
FROM VIBOUT SITE
POSSIBLY THE SKORE MINE OR
SULLIVAN TUNNEL

- ROAD WITH CATTLE IN LOWER LEFT
LEADS DOWN TO VIBOUT SITE

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